

ordering of additional or larger vehicles to take advantage of the spouse transportation provision will be considered misuse.

c. After hours functions. All transportation to official after-hours functions will begin and end at the individual's normal place of duty.

d. Transportation. Transportation to or from an appointment scheduled by the Army that requires a soldier's attendance versus a doctor's appointment made by the soldier. For example, records checks, physical, dental or hospital outpatient appointments, are considered official use for active duty military personnel, cadets, and for DOD civilian personnel when directed by competent authority and as a condition for employment. If possible, regularly scheduled shuttle bus service or public mass transportation should be used.

e. Authorized activities. Transportation may be provided to support authorized activities such as installation sponsored athletic teams, morale, welfare, and recreation groups; patient therapeutic programs; and chaplain programs when it has been determined by the commander that failure to provide such service would have an adverse effect on morale of service members, family members and DOD civilians. This service will not be provided to the exclusion of mission needs and it will not be used to generate requirements for additional NTVs.

f. Emergency leave transportation. When approved by the commander, Army personnel and their family members on emergency leave may be provided Government transportation to travel to the nearest commercial transportation site to ensure arrival at the port of embarkation prior to the departure of the first reasonable available flight, bus, or train. Prior to approval, the commander will make a determination whether commercial transportation is adequate. Nontactical vehicles normally will not be provided on return trips to the unit of assignment.

g. DoD family advocacy programs. Transportation may be provided to support DOD family advocacy programs.

h. Transportation for prospective recruits. Transportation may be provided to prospective recruits in connection with interviews, processing, and orientation.

i. Temporary duty.

(1) Use of NTV for transportation between an employee's home and an airport or other common carrier terminal in conjunction with official travel is not precluded by the statute governing domicile-to-duty transportation or by any provision of the Federal Travel Regulations (see 70 Comp. Gen. 196 (1991)). Nontactical vehicles may be used for trips between home or place of duty and commercial or military terminals only when—

(a) Used by principal diplomatic officials or the Secretary of the Army or the Chief of Staff, Army.

(b) Required for emergencies or for security.

(c) Terminals are located where other means of transportation are not available or cannot meet mission requirements.

(d) Justified by cost analysis and approved by the Secretary of the Army.

(e) Authorized in the National Capitol Region by DOD Instruction 4515.7.

(2) Nontactical vehicles may be provided to personnel in receipt of valid TDY orders to assist in mission performance. TDY orders alone do not justify authorization of a NTV; factors to be considered include need, distance involved, duration of the mission, or other conditions which justify their use. Where there is adequate DA or DOD bus services, use of NTVs, hire from GSA, and rental of public vehicles is prohibited.

(3) When a NTV is authorized for use while on TDY, the NTV may be operated between places where the person's presence is required for official business, or between such places and temporary lodgings. In the absence of regularly scheduled public transportation, or its use is impractical, a NTV may be operated between places of business or lodging and eating establishments, drugstores, barber shops, places of worship, and similar places required for the comfort or health of the member, and which foster the continued efficient performance of Army business. Using a NTV to travel to or from commercial entertainment facilities (that is professional sports, concerts, and so forth) is not authorized.

2-4. Restrictions

a. Vehicles will not be provided when the justification is based solely on reasons of rank, position, prestige, or personal convenience.

b. Official motor vehicle transportation requirements do not include: transportation to private social functions; personal errands or side trips for unofficial purposes; transportation of dependents or visitors without an accompanying official; or in support of non-DOD activities unless specifically approved under the provisions of Army Regulations.

c. Government vehicles must not be used for transportation to or be parked at commissaries, post exchanges (including all concessions), bowling alleys, officer and noncommissioned officer clubs, or any nonappropriated fund activity unless personnel using the vehicles are on official Government business or temporary duty travel (TDY).

d. NTVs will not be used to transport personnel over all or any part of the route between their domiciles and places of duty or employment, unless specific prior authorization is received (See chapter 4, Transportation between domicile and place of employment).

(1) This does not, however, preclude movement of groups of enlisted soldiers between troop billets and duty areas when the commander determines that such movement is incident to the performance of duty. Paragraph 5-2 provides additional guidance on this issue.

(2) Additionally, domicile-to-duty (D-T-D) transportation for certain groups of Army employees may be provided